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In Re Interrogatory on Senate Bill 21-247 Submitted by
the Colorado General Assembly.

Docketed: May 5, 2021
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Submitted Interrogatories:

Are the provisions of Senate Bill 21-247, which amend the statutory definition of "necessary census data", establish authority for nonpartisan staff to use that data for the preliminary plans, and confirm in statute that the staff plans which provide the basis for action by the commission must be based on final census data, constitutional in allowing the commissions to perform their constitutional responsibilities in accordance with sections 44 to 48.4 of article V of the state constitution following the 2020 federal census?

Is the provision of Senate Bill 21-247 that directs a court to apply the standard of substantial compliance when adjudicating a legal proceeding that challenges the lack of compliance with the technical requirements for the redistricting process established in the state constitution and related statues, such as the timing of the this court's review of a commission's first approved map or a staff map when the commission is unable to adopt a plan by the deadline to do so, constitutional?